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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, July 26, 1996, to conduct an oversight hearing to review the General Accounting Office [GAO] report on the Federal Reserve System.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF MIAMI'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

• Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. President, it is a very special pleasure for me to join with my Senate colleagues and the State of Florida in wishing the city of Miami a very happy birthday. On Sunday, July 28, 1996, Miami will turn 100 years old.

I am often staggered when I ponder how much the Greater Miami area has changed in the last century.

One hundred years ago, when Julia Tuttle, the mother of Miami, was badgering Henry Flagler to extend his railroad line south of Palm Beach, Miami had one city street, several uncompleted stores, a hotel under construction, and approximately 300 residents.

Flagler was unconvinced. But after scores of Mrs. Tuttle's letters, an offering of half of her land, and a cold snap that brought freezing temperatures to Florida but left Dade County untouched, he was persuaded to extend his railroad, construct the Royal Palm Hotel, lay out the city streets, and build Miami's water, power, and medical facilities.

In many ways, Miami today barely resembles the community that it was in 1896. A tiny city has been replaced by an exploding metropolis. 300 residents have become over 2 million.

A place that almost didn't receive the private investment needed to build a railroad or town stores, is now one of the nation's most important transportation and commercial centers.

Each year, over 13 million visitors come to the Greater Miami area to visit South Beach, Coconut Grove, Key Biscayne, Joe Robbie Stadium, Gulfstream Park, and the many other attractions that give Miami its youthful vibrance.

But in some fundamental ways, Miami has not changed. Its pioneering spirit has thrived for the last 100 years.

Just as Miami was a pioneer in diversity a century ago, when its founder was a woman and one-third of the citizens who met to incorporate the city were African-American, today it stands poised to lead a multicultural America into the next century.

And as the Gateway to Latin America and an important center of trade, Miami will help the United States play an increasingly vital role in the new global economy. Miamians will lead us as we move to extend ties of trade, culture, and friendship around the world.

Miami is a community that has profoundly shaped my life. I was born here almost 60 years ago, attended Hialeah Elementary and Junior High, and graduated from Miami Senior High School. This will always be my home.

Again, I am delighted to be part of the centennial celebration for my hometown. I join my Senate colleagues and all Floridians in wishing Miami a very happy 100th birthday. •

ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 3 P.M.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the RECORD remain open until 3 p.m. today in order that Senators may introduce bills, submit statements and committees to file reported legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIONAL CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 435, Senate Resolution 226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 226) to proclaim the week of October 13 through October 19, 1996, as "National Character Counts Week."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 226) was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 226

Whereas young people will be the stewards of our communities, Nation, and world in critical times, and the present and future well-being of our society requires an involved, caring citizenry with good character;

Whereas concerns about the character training of children have taken on a new sense of urgency as violence by and against youth threatens the physical and psychological well-being of the Nation;

Whereas, more than ever, children need strong and constructive guidance from their families and their communities, including schools, youth organizations, religious institutions, and civil groups;

Whereas the character of a nation is only as strong as the character of its individual citizens;

Whereas the public good is advanced when young people are taught the importance of good character, and that character counts in personal relationships, in school, and in the workplace;

Whereas scholars and educators agree that people do not automatically develop good character and, therefore, conscientious efforts must be made by youth-influencing institutions and individuals to help young people develop the essential traits and characteristics that comprise good character;

Whereas character development is, first and foremost, an obligation of families, efforts by faith communities, schools, and youth, civic, and human service organizations also play a very important role in supporting family efforts by fostering and promoting good character;

Whereas the Senate encourages students, teachers, parents, youth, and community leaders to recognize leaders to recognize the valuable role our youth play in the present and future of our Nation, and to recognized that character is an important part of that future;

Whereas, in July 1992, the Aspen Declaration was written by an eminent group of educators, youth leaders, and ethics scholars for the purpose of articulating a coherent framework for character education appropriate to a diverse and pluralistic society;

Whereas the Aspen Declaration states that "Effective character education is based on core ethical values which form the foundation of democracy society";

Whereas the core ethical values identified by the Aspen Declaration constitute the six core elements of character;

Whereas the six core elements of character are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, justice and fairness, caring, civic virtue, and citizenship;

Whereas the six core elements of character transcend cultural, religious, and socioeconomic differences;

Whereas the Aspen Declaration states that "The character and conduct of our youth reflect the character and conduct of society; therefore, every adult has the responsibility to reach and model the core ethical values and every social institution has the responsibility to promote the development of good character";

Whereas the Senate encourages individuals and organizations, especially those who have an interest in the education and training of our youth, to adopt the six core elements of character as intrinsic to the well-being of individuals, communities, and society as a whole; and

Whereas the Senate encourages communities, especially schools and youth organizations, to integrate the six core elements of character into programs serving students and children: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate proclaims the week of October 13 through October 19, 1996, as National Character Counts Week, and requests the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to embrace the six core elements of character and to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.